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The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has announced that United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Idaho, Jim D. Pappas, has been appointed to the Ninth Circuit's Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. The appointment is for a seven year term. Judge Pappas will also continue to serve as a Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Idaho.

The Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP) reviews decisions by the bankruptcy courts within the Ninth Circuit. The BAP was established by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit in 1979 as an alternative forum to the district courts for hearing bankruptcy appeals. Last year, the BAP disposed of nearly 500 appeals. There are six current members of the BAP from districts throughout the Circuit. The BAP hears appeals in three-judge panels.

Judge Pappas, 53, is one of two full-time Federal bankruptcy judges for Idaho. His chambers are located in Boise; he also holds court in Pocatello and Twin Falls.

Judge Pappas was appointed to the bench in 1990. He is a graduate of Idaho State University, and the University of Idaho College of Law.

Judge Pappas was the District's Chief Judge from 1993 and 2004. He has served as Chair of the Ninth Circuit Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and on the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council. He is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and the Executive Board of the Portneuf Chapter, American Inns of Court. He is a former Associate Editor of The American Bankruptcy Law Journal and serves on the Federal Judicial Center's Bankruptcy Education Committee. Judge Pappas also writes and lectures extensively on bankruptcy law.

Judge Pappas played a major role in the design and construction of the new Federal Courthouse in Pocatello, which opened in 1999. The project, which took six years to complete, yielded one of the most user-friendly, highly-automated and secure Federal judicial facilities in the United States.